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SUBJ: OFFICIAL BELGIAN REACTION TO KISSINGER SPEECH

- 1. SUMMARY. FOREIGN MINISTER PUBLICLY AGREED WITH KISSINGER ANALYSIS OF CHANGING WORLD SCENE AND NEED FOR NEW APPROACHES TO CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES. HE STRESSED NEED TO RETAIN SECURITY SHIELD PROVIDED BY NATO AND US NUCLEAR POWER BUT AGREED WITH KISSINGER THAT NUCLEAR BALANCE REQUIRES NEW THINKING IN THE AREAS OF SECURITY AND EAST- WEST RELATIONS. SENIOR FONOFF OFFICIAL TOLD US BELGIANS WELCOMED KISSINGER STATEMENT. AMBASSADOR MEETING WITH MINISTER NEXT WEEK FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION. END SUMMARY.
- 2. DURING A TV INTERVIEW ON THE EVENING OF APRIL 25, FOREIGN MINISTER VAN ELSLANDE, WELCOMING KISSINGER'S SPEECH, REMARKED THAT THE EC NINE HAVE FOR MONTHS BEEN DISCUSSING THE NECESSITY OF A DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE US AND EUROPE. HE NOTED VE PARTICIPANTS PLAN LATER RETURN JOURNEY. WE WILL ASCERTAIN THEIR PLANS RE PARTICIPATION IN POST CONFERENCE PLANS. SOHM

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